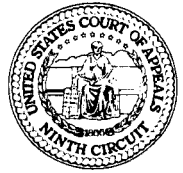


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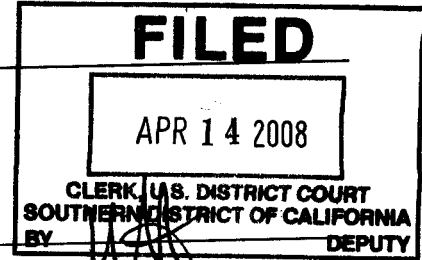
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A copy of your notice of appeal/petition has been received in the Clerk's office of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The U.S. Court of Appeals docket number shown above has been assigned to this case. You must indicate this Court of Appeals docket number whenever you communicate with this court regarding this case. Please furnish this docket number immediately to the court reporter if you place an order, or have placed an order, for portions of the trial transcripts. The court reporter will need this docket number when communicating with this court.

**The due dates for designating and filing the reporter's transcript, if applicable, filing the parties' briefs and otherwise perfecting the appeal have been set by the enclosed "Time Schedule Order," pursuant to applicable FRAP rules. These dates can be extended only by court order. Failure of the appellant to comply with the time schedule order will result in automatic dismissal of the appeal.**

The following information is being provided in an attempt to answer the most frequently asked questions regarding the appellate process. Please review this information very carefully. For convenience, we use the term "Circuit Rules" instead of "Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit" and "FRAP" instead of "Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure."

Enclosed with this letter is an appellate processing schedule along with a case processing checklist to help you monitor the progress of your case.

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x	Copy of the Notice of Appeal	x	Docket Entries
x	Case Information/Docket Fee Payment Notification Form		
	Order for Time Schedule (Criminal)		
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	Order Appointing Counsel for Appeal		
x	Order Dismissing Complaint without Prejudice entered 3/3/2008		
x	Please acknowledge on the enclosed copy of this transmittal		

Sincerely yours,

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